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Honorable Michael A. Shipp
United States District for the District of New Jersey
Clarkson S. Fisher Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse
402 East State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 07102

RE: United States v. Michael Lawson
Crim No. 13-253 (MAS)

Dear Judge Shipp:

As this Court is aware, the sentencing date for defendant, Michael Lawson, was originally scheduled for August 3, 2023, yet necessitated an adjournment because of Mr. Lawson's required surgery. Mr. Lawson's preoperative (and postoperative) diagnoses revealed "Bilateral hip arthritis, right greater than left, right aggravated by assault in Prague." Mr. Lawson thereby underwent a total right hip replacement on September 27, 2023, necessitating two (2) full days in the hospital. Mr. Lawson's surgeon, Peter F. Holmes, M.D. estimated as of October 13, 2023 that recovery would require "a minimum of 3 or 4 months" in order "to heal as the muscles recover from the assault and from the hip replacement." (See Operative Report and Postop Impression from Dr. Peter F. Holmes, M.D., attached hereto).

Based on the foregoing, defendant respectfully requests that his sentencing be adjourned

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to a date in late February to accommodate for his period of recovery. The Government is aware of this request and has graciously consented to same.

Should your Honor require any additional information in order to consider this request, kindly advise. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



Daniel M. Rosenberg

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Enclosures

cc: Assistant United States Attorney Eric Suggs
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So Ordered this 1st day
of November, 2023
Michael Shipp
Hon. Michael Shipp, USDJ